

TREASURY INSISTS ON ISSUE IN RIGGS BANK CASE IS LEGAL

COMPROMISE TALK GOSSIP

Neither Party to Suit Admits It
Is Looking for Adjustment
Out of Court.

Growing out of the efforts of Treasury officials and of the Administration to hold down the Riggs Bank controversy to the limits of a legal case, the question of compromise talk has become a subject of interest to the public. The Treasury insists that the case is legal and that the bank is in a position to meet its obligations. The Administration, on the other hand, is inclined to believe that the bank is in a position to meet its obligations.

One source of the talk of efforts at adjustment is the fact that it is well known some of the President's ablest advisers in the Cabinet are convinced the controversy is one of doubtful value to the Administration.

Fear It May Prove Hurtful.

Some fear it may prove hurtful to the Federal reserve system. Under the surface, in Administration circles, there is a great deal of talk and a great deal of concern about the case and the possible results of it.

But whether any compromise is possible under all the circumstances is something which only future developments can show. Thus far, there seems no basis but gossip for the idea of compromise.

If a way could be found to strip the case of everything but the straight-out issue of what the powers of the Comptroller are, there is little doubt this would meet the sanction of the Administration. Officials are keeping the lid on developments as far as possible, preserving reticence as much as they can, while insisting the only question is what the authority of the Comptroller under the law is. But the bank officials insist the charge of persecution of the bank with a purpose to "weaken" it in order to satisfy personal animosities, cannot be escaped.

Bank Officials Reply.

Charging that Comptroller Williams, through the statement issued last night, is endeavoring to obscure the real issue involved in the controversy between the Riggs Bank and his office, and to leave the public under the impression that the bank has refused to furnish information, the bank officials today issued the following statement:

"The statement given out by the Comptroller of the Currency last evening is intended to convey the impression that the Riggs Bank has refused to furnish information. All banks have been required to do so. The Riggs Bank has no objection to furnishing information. The only question is what the authority of the Comptroller under the law is. But the bank officials insist the charge of persecution of the bank with a purpose to 'weaken' it in order to satisfy personal animosities, cannot be escaped.

"The effort thus to segregate the Riggs Bank, to put it in a class by itself, as being different from all other banks, is an attempt on the part of the Comptroller to make the case one of a legal nature. The Comptroller may do many things, even within the law, which are harsh and vexatious, but the Riggs Bank does not and never has offered opposition to them.

"What the Riggs Bank has complained of is that, broad as his lawful powers undoubtedly are, Comptroller Williams has used them as far as it is concerned, even to the extent of violating the law. He has literally been a law unto himself, without restraint or limitation. It was to keep Comptroller Williams within the law that the Riggs Bank was compelled to resort to the courts.

Comptroller Williams caused a statement to be issued to the effect that additional information now required to be set forth in the reports of the bank has been hitherto obtained from all banks by the examiners and has not simply applied to the Riggs Bank as alleged.

"When attention was directed to the statement that counsel for the Riggs National Bank had said the additional information on the new forms for reports of condition just sent out to national banks had been demanded of the Riggs National Bank in particular in the past and that the sending out of the new forms for statements by the office of the Comptroller is a belated attempt to obtain from all banks information which the Riggs Bank had charged has been asked of that bank only in the past to such an extent as to constitute the harassment and persecution of which the bank complained, it was officially stated at the office of the Comptroller of the Currency that the statement attributed to the counsel for the Riggs National Bank was wholly untrue, and that to portion of the additional information called for in the new reports of condition has been asked from the Riggs National Bank during the examinations which have been made of that bank beyond the information which every national bank examiner has for years past been required to get from every national bank at the time of each examination.

Lecture on Russia Will
Tell of Attack by Dogs

Among the thrilling incidents to be described in Mme. de Meisner's lecture on Russia on Tuesday morning will be an account of an attack by a pack of dogs on a sleighing party passing through a southern Russia village.

The lecture is for the benefit of the Russian wounded soldiers, and tickets may be obtained at the U. S. Lincoln 1929 Nineteenth street northwest. It will be given in the rooms of the Washington Club, 1201 K street northwest.

Mme. de Meisner, who has spent several years amid the diplomatic life of the Russian capital and has an immense fund of anecdotes. An interesting part of the lecture will be a description of a dinner given by the Grand Duke Nicholas, now commanding the Russian Imperial army.

In addition to the list of patronesses headed by Mme. Bakmeteff, wife of the Russian ambassador, will be Mrs. John McGowan, wife of Rear Admiral McGowan, U. S. N.

The proceeds will be augmented by the sale of a book written by Mme. de Meisner, 'The Higher Life,' a psychological study in memory of her son, Alexandre Vladimirovitch de Meisner, late cornet in the Nijegorodsky regiment.

Making Real Decision In Barnes Suit Today

Justice Andrews Begins Considering of Instructions
to Jury—Expected to Swing Case—Roosevelt
and Opponent Stay in Syracuse.

By BOND P. GEDDES.

SYRACUSE, May 1.—With court in recess today until Monday, the soft pedal was put on the political discards of the Barnes-Roosevelt libel trial.

Today's activity consisted solely of conferences between lawyers and principals. Colonel Roosevelt and Barnes both remained here.

A heavy rain curbed the colonel's outdoor exercise program, but he planned to take a long walk despite the showers, and possibly a horseback ride. Barnes and Roosevelt both met their lawyers at a hotel here.

Behind the scenes, however, the celebrated case today was really being decided to a large degree. Trial Justice Andrews began considering his instructions to the jury. All counsel conceded that these directions will largely "swing" the case. The colonel's testimony was the main point being considered. That some will be stricken from the record and ordered ignored from the jury was the prediction of Barnes' counsel.

That the judge will not direct a verdict was generally believed. Barnes' counsel today asserted, however, that a verdict directed for the New York State leader, with the jury to assess damages, was possible.

The Barnes legal experts insisted that

Roosevelt had given little evidence in "justification" of the alleged libel, except that of William Loebe, regarding Barnes' alleged agreement to keep "hands off" the Democrats in their election of Senator O'Gorman, and the "printing graft" testimony.

They cited the rule of law that justification proof must be "as broad as the libel."

Roosevelt's lawyers, on the other hand, were as confident that corroboration of the colonel's charges by his own testimony and other witnesses, with their trump card to be played in evidence of alleged printing graft, had been ample.

William M. Ivins, Barnes' chief counsel, intimated today that Governor Whitman would not be asked to testify regarding the letter he wrote to Charles H. Duell, Jr., suggesting a Bull Moose-Progressive Republican alliance. Authenticity of the letter is not now questioned. The Barnes side disputed a published statement from Whitman that he had made public the letter last July. It is asserted that Whitman always denied existence of such a letter.

The Roosevelt side expects to conclude its evidence Monday. Tuesday, Barnes' personal testimony will take two or three days, it is believed. He also has about twenty-five witnesses, and attorneys were not sure whether the case could be finished next week.

TWO COAST GUARD CUTTERS LAUNCHED

NEWPORT NEWS, May 1.—With a salvo of salutes from every vessel in the harbor here and in Hampton Roads, amid the noise of steaming whistles and the cheering of a large party of invited guests, the coast guard cutter Talapoosa and Osage were launched today.

A distinguished company of Washington officials, headed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Byron R. Newton, witnessed the launching, and attended the luncheon that followed immediately at the Hotel Warwick. Secretary Daniels spoke at the luncheon.

Dedicating the two new vessels to the service of the country, Secretary Newton described them as the "good samaritans of the sea," ready to rescue those in distress, and equally ready to enforce the law. It may be when our national honor or safety are in peril to defend us against our foes.

T. Hartwell, daughter of H. T. Hartwell, of Mobile, Ala., sponsored the Talapoosa, and Miss Sallie Fleming McAdoo, eleven years old, youngest child of the Secretary of the Treasury, sponsored the Osage. They were honored guests at the luncheon, and each received a handsome gold bracelet, appropriately engraved, as a memento of the day.

Both cutters were built upon the same slip and went down the same launching ways. The Talapoosa was the first to take water, making the plunge shortly before 10 o'clock. Miss Hartwell's words, as christened the Talapoosa, were distinctly heard, as she hurled the ribbon swathed champagne bottle against the vessel's side. A little later Miss McAdoo repeated the same performance when the Osage was christened.

Mr. Newton began his speech by saying: "The occasion of the launching of these two new coast guard cutters, which we are now celebrating, is one of unusual interest and importance. While the great nations of the world are engaged in the struggle of death and destruction, we have today launched these two staunch and serviceable vessels, and dedicated them to the most arduous task of saving the lives and rescuing the property of the people."

The launching party will return to Washington this evening. The two new vessels are practically duplicates. Each will be armed with a battery of four standard navy six-pounder rapid-fire rifles.

Each is 165½ feet over all, has a 32-foot beam, and a depth of 29½ feet, and a displacement of 900 tons. Both will be equipped for rescue work on the high seas and for derelict destroying. Each will have a steaming radius of 5,000 miles.

Names of Indian derivation were chosen for the new cutters in accordance with the established practice of the service.

SKULL FRACTURED,
WALKS TWO MILES

Farm Hand Carrying Arm Severed
By Train, Gets Aid at
County Hospital.

DENVER, May 1.—Carrying his own severed left arm, William Anthony, a farm hand, originally from Philadelphia, injured by falling from a train, walked two miles for aid.

Later at the county hospital it was discovered Anthony also suffered a fractured skull. He is not expected to survive.

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\$4,350,000 INVESTED IN REALTY IN APRIL

Investments in real estate in Wash-
ington during April totaled \$4,350,000. In
this amount is included the considera-
tions paid for properties purchased and
loans made on the security of real es-
tate. As compared with April, 1914, the
past month shows an increase of \$500,000
in investments.

During the month just closed the brokers effected 638 transactions, in which were involved 1,346 lots and parcels of realty. In the corresponding month of last year only 578 sales were made, and only 822 lots changed owners.

The closing week of the month ranks second of the four weeks, and has a record of eleven sales less than in the third week of April. During the past six days the brokers closed 151 trades, involving 227 lots and parcels of real estate. There were two really busy days in the week and two fairly good ones. The business of the other two days was rather poor.

Suburban Sales Dominate.

Monday was the busiest of the week, having thirty-eight sales to its credit. Friday was in second place, with thirty-four deals completed. Wednesday witnessed the closing of twenty-five trades, while Saturday's record shows twenty-two sales closed. Tuesday and Thursday were tied for last place, each reporting sixteen sales effected.

Suburban sales, while not so numerous as in the preceding six days, continued to dominate the market this week. Ninety parcels changed owners in the outlying suburbs, and thirty-five lots were sold in the near-urban district. The northwest was the scene of greatest activity within the city proper, having thirty-nine lots to its credit. There were thirty-three lots sold in the northeast, twenty-four in the southwest, and six in the south.

The high-priced deals, which featured the selling of the third week of April, were absent during the closing days of the month. However, a number of sales of property of medium price. The loan market was especially active as the month waned. The loans exceeded \$200,000, showing an advance of nearly \$200,000 over the figures for the third week of April and equalling the total of loans for the first two weeks of the month.

Education and Pleasure.

The newspapers interested in the contest, which has assumed nation-wide proportions, and the Universal Film Company, which will entertain the winners at Universal City, will make every effort to furnish a trip that is one of comfort, education and pleasure.

There will be a beauty winner from every State in the Union, according to advices received by The Times, but even State also has a sort of interest in the National Capital winner.

This winner probably will be announced by the end of next week. All photographs must be in the hands of The Times Beauty Editor by Monday noon, and they will be submitted to the judges as soon as they can be listed and delivered.

The Beauty Editor has given some idea of the value of this free journey which some Washington girl will win. It is now up to the admirers of all beautiful women in Washington to see that their photographs are entered within the next two days.

HERE IS ITINERARY SALES REPORTED IN OF BEAUTY PARTY NORTHWEST SUBURBS

Special Train Carrying the Forty
Beautiful Girls Will Leave
Chicago June 6.

Furnishing some idea of the attractiveness of the journey which will be given to the winner of The Times beauty contest, which closes next Monday, according to present plans: Leave Chicago 6 p. m. June 6, after a greeting from William Hale Thompson, the newly elected mayor of the "Windy City." Mayor Thompson was elected last night through the votes of women.

A tour of Kansas City will consume much of June 7. The start from Kansas City for Denver will be made late in the afternoon.

Short stops at Colorado points will interest the party on the third day of the journey to the Pacific coast and its expositions. The Denver Post, which is conducting the beauty contest for Colorado, will entertain the visiting beauties.

On June 9 the party will see New Mexico towns, and at Albuquerque will view the Harvey collection of Mexican and Indian pottery.

The party will arrive at the Grand Canyon, Arizona, June 10, and will spend about thirteen hours at this wonder spot. All meals during the stay will be provided by the Bright Angel camp. The canyon is a mile deep, thirteen miles wide, and 270 miles long. It must be seen to be appreciated.

On June 11 there will be a stop at Ashfork, Ariz., to take on the Arizona beauty winner. The party will arrive at Los Angeles, Cal., at 3 p. m., and will spend the night at the Hotel Argonaut. The attractions of the stay in Universal City are dedicated to the making of motion picture plays. The girls will take part in one of the big serials being staged at the time.

The next three days will be spent at San Diego, Santa Barbara, Del Monte, and Santa Cruz, and the beautiful scenery about these places, and the San Diego exposition itself will be seen.

Arrival On Coast.

The party will arrive in San Francisco on the morning of June 15, and hotel accommodations will be provided for the entire stay at the Hotel Argonaut. The attractions of the stay in San Francisco include visits to the exposition grounds, automobile tours through Chinatown, the Presidio, Golden Gate park, and other noted places; a rail and water trip to Berkeley, Alameda, and Piedmont, the University of California.

Three days will be spent at San Francisco, and the stay may be lengthened if the girls are not tired of sightseeing.

The start back home will be made about June 20, and Chicago will be reached about June 24. On the return journey the route of which is to be selected by the Western winners will leave their train as they pass near their homes.

The trip will be made on a special train of four Pullman sleepers, steel top, and a dining car.

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Concert Today

By United States Marine Band,
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WILLIAM H. SANTELMANN,
Leader.

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Suite, "Mazepa," Liszt
Gypsy Serenade, Hehl
Marie's Hymn, "The Halls of
Montezuma,"
"The Star-Spangled Banner."

NINTH STREET SEES
MR. CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Young Baltimorean Attracts Crowds
By His Make-up and Poses
In "Movie" District.

Charlie Chaplin may not be able to get to Washington—but his clothes and his mannerisms and his mustache, his trick hat, his little stick—and all that is Charlie Chaplin has arrived.

It parades Ninth street morning, noon and night, attracting and making business good for the two or three motion picture theaters that happen to be showing Chaplin pictures.

It poses on the corners, before the show windows and does all manner of things the public has become accustomed to seeing Chaplin do.

The combination of clothes and mannerisms and mustache and stick are mounted on the person of Jo Marks, a young Baltimorean whose father owns a motion picture theater and who first donned the make-up for the purpose of advertising his father's place of business. The imitation was so good it was even better than an imitation—it was realistic, because Young Marks made himself a duplicate of Chaplin in habit of mind as well as of person.

Marked Notes, the local motion picture impresario, happened to hear of the young man and brought him to Washington for the latter part of this week. Notes thought Marks would draw a few people into the theater. Last night it was necessary to call on the police to keep the people away or the house would have been jammed. Today Charlie Chaplin, represented by Marks, and Charlie Chaplin film at several of the theaters, form the sole attraction on Ninth street. Later Marks is to go to other theaters in other sections of the city.

U. S. STILL FOURTH IN WORLD'S NAVIES

The Navy Department today took
issue with statements which have
gone out unofficially to the effect
that since the loss of the warship
Leon Gambetta by the French, the
navy of that nation has sunk to
fourth place in the list of the world's
navies and the navy of the United
States has advanced to third place.

The position of the navy officials is that such statements are based on data of last July 1, when the English navy ranked first, German second, French third, and American fourth.

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Man's Divorced Wife
Shoots Him, Then Self

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